

Around the Services

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Coast Guard

Coast Guard sea marshals have been boarding a steady flow of ships passing through America's harbors since the September terrorist attacks. The marshals, who are mostly Reservists and in some cases recently retired service members recalled to duty, inspect large ships that could be carrying explosives and be used as weapons of mass destruction, and they stand watch on other ships that are considered possible targets for attack.



Air Force

Air Force officials have given recruiters the order to find 833 additional airmen before the end of the fiscal year. The additional people, all earmarked for the security forces career field, are being recruited as part of an effort to end the shortage in that career field, which has developed as a result of increased security operations since the September terrorist attacks.



Sr. Airman Mark Kuita, USAF



Marines

Marine Sgt. Steven Lee had an unusual opportunity to promote the Corps while he fielded questions about his job on a Hartford, Conn., radio station. He was appearing on a radio game show where listeners call in and try to guess the occupation of a guest. After answering "no" to answers such as "priest," "rabbi," "FBI agent," and "park ranger," Lee was finally identified as a Marine recruiter. Following the game, the morning show hosts spent another half-hour on the air asking what it takes to be a marine.



Sgt. Jonathan Agee, USMC

Navy

USS John F. Kennedy completed more than 30 hours of sea trials in February, meeting or exceeding all standards necessary to prove the carrier is safe and reliable to conduct sustained combat operations. The ship conducted tests of its engineering plant and other operational equipment following a period of repairs after a steering control incident delayed an exercise in preparation of the JFK Battle Group's next deployment.

